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## From the Chairman

Dear members

I trust that you have been able to download your vaccination pass. If not, you will find a guide to the process written by John Somerville elsewhere in this newsletter. While there has been much emphasis on getting the pass on our phones, do note that you can use your PC or laptop to download it and print a hard copy on your printer.

On a later page, you will find the invitation to our Christmas lunch on 13 December at Parksyde. This promises to be a pleasant social occasion to mark the end of the SeniorNet year, and we would be delighted to see you there. However, please note that we must have your RSVP by 6 December, as the Parksyde caterers need to know numbers well ahead.

Our first major event in the New Year will be our Annual General Meeting at Parksyde on 21 February. Please start thinking about what you would like SeniorNet Rotorua to be doing in 2022, and how you might be able to help.

Whether we can recommence any other activities such as drop-in sessions in the interim depends on what is possible once we know the restrictions of the traffic light system. Unfortunately, it seems likely that we will be at the red light level, at least initially, because of low vaccination rates in the Lakes DHB area. Please do what you can to encourage non-vaccinated people to get the jab.

Between losing our premises at Regency Park and the Covid outbreak, 2021 has been an odd year for SeniorNet Rotorua. We, of course, have to hope that we can return to near-normality over the next few months. In the meantime, stay safe.

Regards  
Keith Garratt  
Chair

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## This Month:

# CHRISTMAS LUNCH

Parksyde, Monday 13 December at 12.30 pm



Scrumptious meal  
Table service  
Cash bar for beer and wine



Price \$30 each

Pay by cash on the day,  
or by online deposit to 38 9008 04 13804 00.  
Enter your surname and the word Xmas as references.

Please RSVP no later than Monday 6 December,  
by email to [rotoruanet@gmail.com](mailto:rotoruanet@gmail.com)  
or by phone or text to 027 4482818

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### Getting your My Vaccination Pass

From John Somerville

- 1. Set up your My Health Account.** Initially, go to My Covid Record website at <https://mycovidrecord.health.nz>, select the “**Sign up**” link, then “**Continue**”. You will then be given a choice to sign up through your *RealMe* account or through your email address. Use your *RealMe* account if you have one as it provides confirmation of your identity and simplifies the next process. If you use the email option, you should have available your Passport or preferably your Driver’s License. Once you enter your email address you will be asked for a verification number. This number will be contained in an email that will be sent to you immediately – you will need to open the email and add this number to the appropriate slot in your My Covid Record website.  
**Note:** *It is a good idea to have two devices available – your computer and phone with one set to receive emails and the other to carry out the task.*  
Once you have entered the supplied number you will be asked for Driver’s License details including DOB , Driver’s License number etc.  
When this is complete you can request your “**My Vaccine Pass**” which will be forwarded to your email address. (See No. 3 below)

2. **If you are unable to access My Covid Record, use the 0800 Number**

If you do not have Passport, Driver's License, smart phone or email address, you can still obtain a "**My Vaccine Pass**" by following the following steps:

Phone **0800 222 478** and speak to an operator. They will take you through the process. You will need to have your vaccination card with you. It should show your **NHI Number** which you will require.

If you have an Email address it is quite a simple process – have your email program open before you start.

If you do not have an email address it is a good idea to have somebody with an email address to be with you. They will then use their email address to firstly verify your details and then your "**My Vaccine Pass**" will be sent to their email address and they can print it for you. The operator will explain the process to you – it is really easy.

3. **Email Received**

Once the above is complete the pass will be emailed to you and then you can complete the next task to add the record to an app on your phone or print the PDF form which you can carry with you.

**Installation of "My Vaccination Pass**

The following instructions are for installation of "My Vaccine Pass" from the email received from Department of Health.

The instructions below are for both Android Phones and Apple Phones. If you have neither of these devices you can print the attached PDF File on your printer. If you do not have a printer, you can forward the email to a friend who can print it for you.

1. **Android Phones – Samsung, Oppo etc. etc.**

You may need your Google password – normally this is also the password that you use to access your Gmail account. (have it ready in case it is needed)

The first task is to download **Google Pay** app from the "**Play Store**" – This is where your record will be stored.

Once this is done go to your email and look for the "**My Vaccine Pass**" email. In your email you will have the option to add your pass to Google Pay – accept this and save to your phone.

"**Open in Google Pay**" – just click on this line

You will need to verify that it is you using your phone, using your login password or similar. If you do not have a login password you will be asked to generate one – I suggest a 4 digit number which you will use each time you open the "App".

**My Vaccine pass** will be loaded into the "Google Pay" app.

You may be asked if you wish to add a shortcut to your home screen – accept this and you will have a shortcut added to your home screen. You can use this from now on to access your Covid Pass.

Another way of adding this the home screen is when you have your "Pass" displayed press three dots at top right of screen you can choose "**save to home**" and it will save the app to your home screen ready for use in the future.(This does not appear in older model phones)

Please note that you may have to enter your normal phone access password to access the app. Instructions will be on your screen.

*Note 1: There are many varieties of Android phones, some are easy to work and others may not have all of the options available. If you are having a problem, it is really easy to simply print your “My Vaccine Pass” and hold this in your wallet or purse.*

*Note 2: Some people have reported that the app icon disappears from their home screen. If this happens, go back to the Google Pay app and choose the “save to home” option again.*

2. **Apple iPhones**

You will need your Apple Password to continue.

Check your email and follow the prompts to load your Vaccine Pass into your “Wallet” – this is an Apple App that should already been loaded onto your iPhone. If not then obtain it from the App Store

Follow the prompts and My Vaccine Pass will be loaded ready to display.

Simply go to your “Wallet” app and highlight the “Pass”.

3. **Print your “my Vaccine Pass”**

If you have neither of the above devices you can simply print the PDF that is included in your email. Using scissors, cut out the important section and store in your wallet or purse.

If you do not have a printer available – forward your email to a friend and get them to print your “Vaccine Pass” for you.

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**FYI/FYE** (For Your Information/From Your Editor)

As we have all managed to get through another year of Covid-19, when other news and normality went by the board, it might help to reflect on a recent comment on the news. The person stated that most pandemics last approximately three years. Feel free to check the history on that. If it’s true, though, we are two-thirds of the way through this one.

All this time at home has set me thinking more about simple pleasures and less about coffee. It’s been like a step back in time. The sewing machine is reasonably permanently set up in the lounge, the knitting needles have been really busy and the garden is becoming quite productive! Notice I haven’t mentioned the computer. It’s been doing its usual daily chores with a few games of solitaire thrown in.

Accordingly, this month’s contribution is not about computers. It’s more about the environment. My latest ambition, having listened to the conservationists and looked at the terrible state of my driveway, is to think about a wild patch for the wildlife. A couple of years ago, a major leak in the water main that comes up the middle of the driveway, meant that a rather large patch of seal had to be dug up. Now there’s a patch of unruly grass and weeds there, instead of the asphalt seal. As it is very rarely that anything parks in that particular spot, I’m thinking of sprinkling some flower seeds around to see what happens.



Here’s the current look – attractive only to earthworms and insects. Watch this space!

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